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receiving a portion of the configuration information including the favorites setting

via an access device of the plurality of access devices;

assigning a ticket number to the received portion of the configuration information;

storing the ticket number in a revision history; and

providing the ticket number to the access device.

26. (Amended) The update method of claim 25, further comprising:

setting a bit in a bit vector, the bit vector having a plurality of bits each being

associated to a corresponding configuration parameter of the user object, wherein the set

bit indicates the configuration parameter associated with the received configuration

information and is related to the favorites setting; and

providing the bit vector to the access device.

27. (Amended) The update method of claim 26, further comprising providing the portion

of the configuration information to a second access device of the plurality of access

devices.

28. (Amended) An article of manufacture, comprising:

a machine-readable medium for use in a multimedia communication network

system having a plurality of access devices, the configuration information including

values for a plurality of configuration parameters, at least one of the configuration

parameters being related to a favorites setting, the machine-readable medium having

instructions stored thereon to:

receive a portion of the configuration information including the favorites

setting via an access device of the plurality of access devices;

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assign a ticket number to the received portion of the configuration

information;

store the ticket number in a revision history; and

provide the ticket number to the access device.

29. (Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 28 wherein the machine-readable

medium further includes instructions stored thereon to:

set a bit in a bit vector, the bit vector having a plurality of bits each being

associated to a corresponding configuration parameter of the user object, wherein the set

bit indicates the configuration parameter associated with the received configuration

information and is related to the favorites setting; and

provide the bit vector to the access device.

30. (Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 28 wherein the machine-readable

medium further includes instructions stored thereon to provide the portion of the

configuration information to a second access device of the plurality of access devices.

31. (Amended) A method to provide configuration information for at least one user object

to an access device in a multimedia communication network system having a server and a

plurality of access devices, the access devices of the plurality of access devices being

associated with one or more households, the method comprising:

receiving a signal at the server that an access device is being associated with a

household in response to user activation of the access device when the access device is

coupled to the multimedia communication network system;

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- 3 -Serial No. 09/919,605 Art Unit: 2611 sending from the server an indication of whether the access device is the

household's first access device; and

sending from the server configuration information for at least one user object

when the access device is not the first access device of the household, the configuration

information sent from the server including a favorites setting present in at least one of the

other access devices in the household.

32. (Amended) The method of claim 31, further comprising:

receiving configuration information from the user, including another favorites

setting, via the access device when the access device is the first access device of the

household; and

providing to the server the configuration information received from the user.

33. (Amended) The method of claim 32, further comprising sending from the server a

ticket number corresponding to the configuration information provided to the server.

34. (Amended) An apparatus to coordinate settings to access content available via an

interactive video casting system having a plurality of channels, the interactive video

casting system having connectivity to a plurality of access devices and capable to provide

the plurality of access devices with access to a communication network, the apparatus

comprising:

a server located in the interactive video casting system and capable to

communicate with each access device in the plurality of access devices via a

communication protocol suitable to each access device,

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wherein the server is capable to receive configuration information related to a user

object from a user via one of access device of the plurality of access devices according to

the communication protocol for that access device,

wherein the configuration information defines multimedia content that can be

accessed via instantiation of the user object in the access device,

wherein the configuration information further defines at least one favorites setting

for that access device,

wherein the at least one favorites setting includes an address associated with a

location in the communication network where the content can be accessed by the access

device or including a channel among the plurality of channels of the interactive video

casting system,

wherein the server is capable to provide the configuration information received

from the access device, including the favorites setting having the address or the channel,

to another access device of the plurality of access devices without further activity from

the user according to a communication protocol suitable to that access device.

35. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 34 wherein, independent of a request from any one

of the access devices, the server is capable to provide the revised configuration

information including the revision to the favorites setting to the another access devices if

such revised configuration information is received by the server.

36. (Amended) An apparatus to coordinate settings to access content available via an

interactive video casting system having a plurality of channels, the interactive video

casting system having connectivity to a plurality of access devices and capable to provide

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the plurality of access devices with access to a communication network, the apparatus

comprising:

a server located in the interactive video casting system and capable to

communicate with each access device in the plurality of access devices via a

communication protocol suitable to each access device,

wherein the server is capable to receive configuration information related to a user

object from a user via one of access device of the plurality of access devices according to

the communication protocol for that access device,

wherein the configuration information defines multimedia content that can be

accessed via instantiation of the user object in the access device,

wherein the configuration information further defines at least one favorites setting

for that access device,

wherein the at least one favorites setting includes an address associated with a

location in the communication network where the content can be accessed by the access

device or including a channel among the plurality of channels of the interactive video

casting system,

wherein the server is capable to provide the configuration information received

from the access device, including the favorites setting having the address or the channel,

to another access device of the plurality of access devices without further activity from

the user according to a communication protocol suitable to that access device, the server

further being capable to:

assign a ticket number to a portion of the received configuration information;

store the ticket number in a revision history;

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provide the ticket number to the access device that sent the configuration

information;

set a bit in a bit vector, the bit vector having a plurality of bits each being

associated to a corresponding configuration parameter of the user object, wherein the set

bit indicates the configuration parameter associated with the received configuration

information and is related to the favorites setting; and

provide the bit vector to the access device that sent the configuration information.

37. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 36 wherein, independent of a request from any one

of the access devices, the server is capable to provide the revised configuration

information including the revision to the favorites setting to the another access devices if

such revised configuration information is received by the server.

38. (Amended) An apparatus to provide access to content in a multimedia communication

network system having a plurality of access devices, the method comprising:

a means for receiving configuration information related to a user object from a

user via an access device of the plurality of access devices,

wherein the configuration information defines multimedia content that can

be accessed by instantiating the user object in the access device,

wherein the configuration information further defines at least one favorites

setting for that access device; and

a means for providing the received configuration information, including the

favorites setting, to another access device of the plurality of access devices.

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39. (Amended) A system to provide configuration information for at least one user object

to an access device in a multimedia communication network having a server and a

plurality of access devices, the access devices of the plurality of access devices being

associated with one or more households, the system comprising:

a means for receiving a signal at the server that an access device is being

associated with a household in response to user activation of the access device when the

access device is coupled to the multimedia communication network;

a means for sending from the server an indication of whether the access device is

the household's first access device; and

a means for sending from the server configuration information for at least one user

object when the access device is not the first access device of the household, the

configuration information sent from the server including a favorites setting present in at

least one of the other access devices in the household.

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